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SNIE 11-10-55

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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SUBJECT : Post-Mortem on SNIE 11-10-55: Soviet Gross
Capabilities for Attack on the US and Key
Overseas Installations and Forces in 1965

1. The Board of National Estimates believes that because of the special nature of this estimate and the extent to which it projects into the speculative future a post-mortem would be unprofitable. The post-mortems on NIE's 11-3-55, 11-7-55, 11-5-55, and 11-6-54 already identify most of the existing gaps in our intelligence on the subjects covered in SNIE 11-10-55, and these gaps are obviously even greater in any NIE which attempts to project to 1965.

2. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, therefore, I propose to issue a Secretary's Note to the IAC Minutes stating that a post-mortem on SNIE 11-10-55 was considered unnecessary for the reasons given above.

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